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PERSONAL DIGITAL ASSISTANTS AND
OTHER HANDHELD STYLUS-ENGAGABLE
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Fort Collins, CO 80527-2400 (US)**(21) **Appl. No.: 09/898,727**(22) **Filed: Jul. 3, 2001**(57) **ABSTRACT**

Methods and systems for enhancing the input fidelity of personal digital assistants (PDAs), and other handheld stylus-engagable computing devices are described. In some embodiments, this can be done by associating input commands with different user-input activities, including different combinations of user-input activities. By using different combinations of user-input activities to designate particular input commands, a more robust collection of commands can be provided to a user in a manner that is simple, straightforward and easy to understand.

